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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Transmittal of [REDACTED] Note on China Production Estimates

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1. Following are of the estimates of 1954 production divulged by Chou En-lai in September 1954, together with the production figures for 1949 which derive from the same statement and figures for the intervening years based on the official indices of the Chinese National Statistical Bureau.

Commodity	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
Electricity (1,000 mwh)	4,320	4,579	5,789	7,257	9,202	10,800
Coal (million tons)	31.5	41.6	51.7	64.6	70.6 *	82
Pig Iron (1,000 tons)	244	961	1,403	1,879	2,223	3,030
Steel (1,000 tons)	158	605	894	1,343	1,765	2,170
Cement (1,000 tons)	657	1,399	2,470	2,845	3,870	4,730
Metal-working Machines (units)	1,590	3,323	5,883	11,210	16,727	13,513
Cotton Yarn (000 bales of 400 lb)	1,770	2,372	2,637	3,540	4,000	4,600
Paper (machine made) (tons)	106,700	138,600	238,000	368,000	423,700	480,000

Concur M/EP 26 Apr 55

** On 9/10/54 over 1952: 64.6 (compare for 1953 67.04. M/EP 26 APR 55)*

We are doing this with our figures based on M/EP

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2. Since these estimates are based entirely on official Chinese claims, they must be treated with some reserve. However, they can be accepted as providing, on the whole, a fair indication of Chinese industrial progress.

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